Food Bank scheme in tribal areas

†1323. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Food Bank scheme' is running only in limited tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and to which extent it has proved beneficial for the tribals;

(c) whether keeping in view the success of 'Food Bank Scheme', Government would implement it in all the tribal areas; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The Village Grain Bank scheme was implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, as a Central Sector Scheme since 1996-97, in 370 identified blocks of 52 districts in 13 States *viz*. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tripura and Maharashtra. Under this scheme, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs released and amount of Rs. 20.50 crores for establishment of 4858 Grain Banks all over the country to cover 3.44 lakhs ST families. This scheme was transferred to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution with effect from 24.11.2004. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs is formulating a revised scheme to benefit tribals living in chronically food scarce areas, hot and cold deserts and inaccessible hilly areas of the country.

Shifting of Markets in Delhi

1324. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to shift wholesale markets of Delhi including Sadar Bazar, Chandni Chowk, Naya Bazar, Tilak Bazar and Naraina Loha Mandi out of Delhi's heartland to decongest the city;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.